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The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C 20505

Critical Intelligence Problems Committee

14 May 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members, Critical Intelligence Problems Committee

VIA: Eloise R. Page
ChairmanFROM: [redacted]
Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: Status Report on CIPC Projects and Activities--April 1985 [redacted]

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1. CIPC Meeting: The monthly CIPC Meeting was convened on 22 April at 1500 hours. The primary agenda item was the International Terrorism Study. In addition, the Committee was provided a briefing on the present status, and future enhancements, of the Decision Support and Information System for Terrorism (DESIST). [redacted]

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2. The Committee approved the Terrorism Study with recommended changes. These changes are being incorporated and the study was forwarded to the DCI and DDCI on 13 May with the recommendation that it be tabled at an early NFIC Meeting. As a result of the CIPC review and approval, the Terrorism Study now contains 52 recommendations for improving our intelligence posture on this problem. [redacted]

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3. The DESIST system became operational in November 1984, and is 50 percent complete. To date, the system is comprised of 50 terminals and 160 users, operating around the clock. Moreover, in the future the system is scheduled to receive several enhancements, including a conferencing capability similar to that of FLASHBOARD. At present, the CIPC Members believe that DESIST and FLASHBOARD are complementary systems, and that FLASHBOARD should be continued until such time as all of its capabilities have been integrated into DESIST. [redacted]

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4. Narcotics Intelligence: The CIPC Narcotics Working Group convened on 30 April to initiate development of a follow-up report to the DCI, documenting the current status and results of the Narcotics Study's recommendations. [redacted]

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5. The meeting was attended by representatives of the intelligence and law enforcement communities, including the NIO and A/NIO for Counterterrorism and Narcotics. The working group reviewed the progress made to date on the recommendations included in the CIPC Narcotics Study and discussed a broad outline for the follow-up report. Written contributions have been requested from specific organizations, and our objective is to complete this project by June. The report will enable the Community to take a fresh look at how far we have come, and to identify those areas that have proven to be productive and those areas in which a greater investment of personnel and resources may be required.

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9. China Study: The CIPC China Study, US Intelligence Posture Toward China, has been received from the printing plant, and we are in the process of forwarding it to the NFIC Principals and Program Managers for implementation, as appropriate. []

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10. Chemical/Biological Warfare (CBW) Study: The Chairman of the CIPC CBW Intelligence Subcommittee, has forwarded the subcommittee's final report to the Chairman, CIPC, for consideration and disposition, as appropriate. []

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11. The report discusses some ten issues related to CBW intelligence ranging from national-level coordination to CBW awareness training. It also contains seven recommendations designed to complement the 1984 CIPC CBW Study recommendations approved by the DCI in December 1984. []

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12. The subcommittee has disbanded, but the members hope that their findings will contribute to an improvement in CBW intelligence support. In addition, the mutual insights gained during the subcommittee's existence should pay dividends within the CBW intelligence community for sometime. []

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13. Mobile Missile Study: The Mobile Missile Panel has completed drafting its study, which is now in the coordination process. The DCI has requested that we complete the study as soon as possible, and we plan to make the Mobile Missile Study our primary agenda item for an early June CIPC Meeting. In addition, the DCI has tasked us to develop supplemental guidance for the 1987-1991 NFIP, placing greater emphasis on the mobile missile problem. []

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